CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 20101128 After the Announcement.txt

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Medium: Computer Text File

Author: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 05 August 2011

Date of direction to issue No direction to issue a label has been issued

a label:

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer text file promotes and encourages the crime of incest to a significant extent and degree and its availability is therefore likely to be injurious to the public good.

The text file contains crude explicit descriptions of sexual activity between a father and his daughter. The descriptions are clearly meant to titillate and arouse people with an interest in incest, and they endorse and legitimise incest.

An objectionable classification interferes with the freedom of expression as expressed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications promoting or encouraging criminal acts to a significant extent and degree are to be classified as objectionable. The classification is considered a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of such publications.